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Dear Mr. Hall,

A student who is outraged at Arlen Specter's threat against you has sent me a copy of Joseph R. Daughen's article in the Philadelphia Bulletin of the 13th. I have no personal knowledge of the O'Donnell incident but I have countless cases of exactly that which he charges, including by that poseur Specter, whose record is in some respects worst in this regard.

Specter has altered testimony, and I have the proof, in writing. He has suborned perjury. I charged this in my second book and dared him to sue me. When he was silent I went to Philadelphia and in public appearances repeated my personal charges, said that if they were not true there were libellous, and again dared him to sue me. He has been silent. So, don't worry about his suing you now.

In fact, I have carried my work much farther, to where it is so "hot" I think it is commercially unpublishable. I have the evidence Specter suppressed and it is quite opposite what he adduced. Naturally, I am not anxious to give it away and throw away the enormous effort it represents. But if Specter does sue you, I will let you have what you might need in your and O'Donnell's defense.

Please understand that I am not talking about what somebody told me. I am talking about official government records that were suppressed, and the initial responsibility for the suppression is Specter's. These records are in my possession. I got them all properly. They include what the Warren Commission did not have. They include some of Specter's own memoranda that he expected to be permanent secrets. Specter was pretty sharp about leaving records he could later cite in self-justification, but he did not anticipate that a devil loving scripture would ever get them. And they are not self-justification. They are self-indictment when added to the other secret records I have.

I am not sending you these records without knowing you have need for them because this work has been bankrupting. You may recall your own consideration of my first book in 1965. The attitude has not changed and is not yours alone. I can understand it if I do not like it because I have been subjected to more serious pressures than this from Specter to you. So, I just can't afford the nominal expense. It is for this reason that I am unfamiliar with the O'Donnell-Powers book except from review. They indicate the inclusion of confirmation of other of my early work, on a different subject than the assassination. However, I will, if you need them let you have copies. If you would prefer, O'Donnell or Powers, or one of your people, perhaps Sions, who read my first book, can come here and see everything relevant I have. I don't know how serious this is to you or whether Specter will really be nutty enough to sue. It would ruin him. It should be enough to get him disbarred, but that never happens in such cases, of which I have a number.

Should you desire to accept this offer, we are but an hour from Baltimore or Washington and can provide accommodations, including copying facilities and a bed.

I would appreciate it if you would forward a copy of this letter to Mr. O'Donnell. If he is ever near here, I would like very much to meet with him. There are many things I think he would like to know. I will ask nothing of him except the preservation of my confidence. The invitation includes Mr. Powers, but some of what I have in mind will mean more to Mr. O'Donnell, who was personally involved in what happened in ways I am certain he neither knows nor has any way of knowing.